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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. BONILLA].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 10, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable HENRY BONILLA to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We are grateful, O God, for the blessings that have come to us and to our Nation. In good times and in times of trial, Your spirit of creation and renewal and comfort has been our constant guide and encouragement. For all Your gifts, gracious God, we offer our thanksgivings—for liberty and freedom, for opportunity and vision, for healing and help, for family and friends, and for the works of justice and the bounty of Your mercy, we offer these words of prayer. Bless us this day and every day, we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr.

JONES] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, is there a limit on the number of 1-minutes this morning?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. There will be a limit of 10 1-minutes on each side.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces there will be a limit of 10 1-minute speeches on each side.

A VICTORY PARTY FOR THE PRIVILEGED FEW

(Mr. GEPHARDT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Speaker, for weeks now, Americans have watched in astonishment as House Republicans have voted to ravage our most basic commitments to hard-working families: School lunch for children who would literally go hungry without it; heating assistance for frail elderly who would literally freeze to death without it; a program of food and nutrition for pregnant women that saves more than three times what it costs.

Yesterday, the Republican leadership added outrage to injury, by rolling out the reason behind these budget-shred-

ding atrocities: A capital gains tax cut that is a boon for the privileged, but a bust for working people.

The most affluent Americans do not need a tax cut. That is why Democrats are fighting to give a tax break to the middle-class families who have seen their standard of living slide for the past 16 years.

According to the nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation, the Republican tax cut would give \$8,000 to those earning more than \$200,000 a year—but only a meager \$92 to those earning \$30,000 a year.

That would be bad public policy on any day, in any debate. But because it is funded by taking food from the mouths of children and heat from the homes of senior citizens, this tax giveaway is an affront to fundamental fairness and decency.

Mr. Speaker, if there was ever any doubt, there is no doubt today: Elections have consequences. And with this latest assault on working America, the Republican Party is sending a powerful message: For the privileged few, the real party is just about to begin.

REPUBLICAN CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

(Ms. DUNN of Washington asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DUNN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, our Contract With America states the following:

On the first day of Congress, a Republican House will require Congress to live under the same laws as everyone else; cut committee staffs by one-third; and cut the congressional budget.

We kept our promise.

It continues that in the first 100 days, we will vote on the following items: A balanced budget amendment—we kept

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